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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ENERGY: FRENCH DELEGATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE

1. OFFICIAL LIST OF GOF DELEGATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE, WITH FULL ORDER OF PRECEDENCE, WILL BE GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT BY FRENCH EMBASSY TODAY. FONMINISTRY (CABOUAT) GAVE ECON/COM MIN FOLLOWING INFORMAL LIST:
MICHEL JOBERT, FOREIGN MINISTER AND HEAD OF DELEGATION
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JEAN-PIERRE CABOUAT, DIRECTOR OF GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BRANCH, FOREIGN MINISTRY
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COMMENT: CONSPICUOUS BY ITS ABSENCE IS ANY HIGH-RANKING REP-RESENTATION FROM FINANCE MINISTRY.

2. FRENCH DELEGATE TO PREPCOM MEETINGS WILL BE SOUVIRON, WHO WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SATURDAY EVENING. REST OF DELEGATION PRESENTLY EXPECTED, ACCORDING TO CABONAT, TO DEPART PARIS SUNDAY ON AIR FRANCE 029 TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY P.M.

3. ECON/COM MIN GAVE CABONAT COPY OF CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND BRIEFED HIM FURTHER ON USG THINKING ON CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES (DRAWING FROM DONALDSON-YASUKAWA CONVERSATION - STATE 24319). CABONAT MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT OTHER THAN TO DESCRIBE SUBJECT OF ROLE OF OIL COMPANIES AS FAR TOO GENERAL TO BE TREATED IN INCIDENTAL FASHION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO ECON/COM MIN'S QUESTION WHETHER GOF NOW HAD ANY OBSERVATIONS IT WISHED TO MAKE, CABOUAT SAID GOF'S GENERAL REACTIONS WERE PRETTY WELL KNOWN: GOF THOUGHT CON-FERENCE OF SUCH A HIGHLY POLITICAL NATURE WAS NOT VERY OP-PORTUNE, BUT WAS PREPARED TO GO IN VIEW OF EC DESIRE TO TAKE PART, AND EC MANDATE A COMPROMISE WITH WHICH GOF WAS REASONABLY SATISFIED, AND WITHIN WHICH IT WOULD LIMIT ITS CONTRIBUTION AT CONFERENCE. GOF'S PREFERENCE WAS THAT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY QUESTIONS BE DEALT WITH AT THREE LEVELS: A) BETWEEN EC AND ARABS, B) BETWEEN MAJOR CONSUMERS (AND WITHIN EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS
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SUCH AS OECD, ETC.) ON QUESTIONS OF RESEARCH, EVALUATION OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT, ETC, AND C) A GENERAL DIALOGUE WITH ALL INTERESTED PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. GOF DOES NOT FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY ACTION GROUP, BUT THINKS THAT CONFERENCE CAN NEVERTHELESS COME UP WITH SOME POSITIVE IDEAS. (CABOUAT HINTED THAT IDEA WHICH GOF WOULD CONSIDER POSITIVE WOULD BE FOLLOW-UP OF CONFERENCE IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES).

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5. SHORT BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH ON PREPCOM DELEGATE SOUVIRON FOLLOWS: SOUVIRON IS ONE OF BRIGHT YOUNG MEN BROUGHT TO QUAI D'ORSAY BY FONMIN JOBERT. HIS STANDING HAS BEEN GROWING THERE AND WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT HE IS EMERGING AS THE MAN WITH THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON JOBERT. SOUVIRON WAS PREVIOUSLY DEPUTY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, A JOB WHICH HE QUIT IN ORDER TO TAKE A POSITION WITH ONE OF THE LEADING FRENCH BANKS ONLY TO BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY TO THE QUAI D'ORSAY WHEN JOBERT TOOK OVER AS FOREIGN MINISTER. HIS RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN CENTERED LARGELY ON EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. WE HAVE FOUND HIM FRIENDLY, EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT, AND GENERALLY QUITE CRITICAL OF US POLICIES. SUSPICIOUS OF US INTENTIONS, HE IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO VIEWS THAT US IS SEEKING TO RE-ESTABLISH DOMINATE RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE AND THAT EAG PROPOSAL IS LATEST GAMBIT TO THAT END.
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